

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2004, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 12-21, 26-29, 32, 34, 35, 40, 41, and 43-48, and objected to claims 6-11, 22-25, 30, 31, 33, 36-39, 42, 49 and 50. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 12, 20-26, 32, 36, 37, 41, canceled claims 31 and 42, and added new claims 51-74. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant requests that the Examiner acknowledge that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed December 8, 2003 and were received by the USPTO on December 10, 2003, have been considered. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statements and the return post cards are enclosed herein. Applicant requests consideration and entry of the cited references.

On page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that claim 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include substantially all of the features of dependent claim 20 and one of the disjunctively claimed features of claim 22 that the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicant submits that all claims depending from claim 1 are allowable as being dependent from an allowable base claim, and requests that all rejections and objections to those claims be withdrawn.

New independent claim 56 is similar to claim 1 in that it represents the independent form of one of the allowable disjunctively claimed features of previously presented claim 22. In other words, independent claim 56 includes one of the

disjunctively claimed features of claim 22, and substantially all of the features of claim 20 and independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claim 56 is presently in condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicant submits that all claims depending from claim 56 are also allowable as being dependent from an allowable base claim.

Also on page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that claim 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 26 to substantially include all of the limitations set forth in previously presented claim 31 (now canceled). Accordingly, claim 26 substantially represents previously presented claim 31 in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claim 26 is presently in condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicant submits that all claims depending from claim 26 are allowable as being dependent from an allowable base claim, and requests that all objections or rejections to those claims be withdrawn.

Also on page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 42 as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but indicated that claim 42 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 41 to include substantially all of the features previously set forth in claim 42 (now canceled). Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 42 has been substantially written in independent form. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 41 is presently in condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicant submits that all claims depending from claim 41 are allowable as being dependent from an allowable base claim, and request that all rejections and objections to those claims be withdrawn.

Also on page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. With this Amendment, Applicant has added new claim 63 that substantially includes all of the features previously presented in claim 6 and the base claim 1. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 63 represents the independent form of previously presented claim 6. As a result, Applicant submits that independent claim 63 is presently in condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicant submits that all claims depending from claim 63 are allowable as being dependent from an allowable base claim.

In view of the above comments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition of allowance. Reconsideration of the application and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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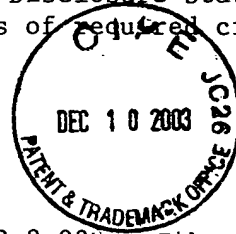
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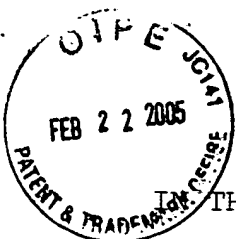
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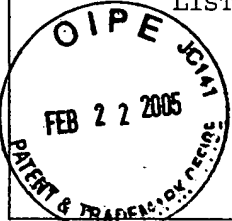
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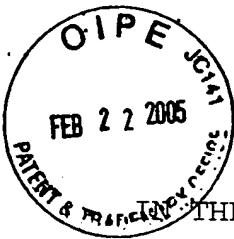
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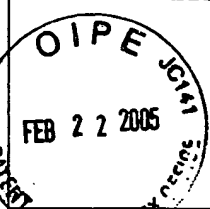
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BF	5,455,617	10/95	Stephenson et al.	400	207	
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DI	"Introducing the New SmartGuard™ and SmartShield™ Advanced Security Options", pamphlet by Fargo Electronics, Inc., Eden Prairie, Minnesota (1998).
DJ	"RFID Tagging IC is First to Accept Input from Sensors", by Microchip Technology Inc., (undated).
DK	Two page web site advertisement from SEIKO Precision, entitled "The latest design for your CD-R", re: CD Printer 2000.
DL	Two page web site advertisement from SEIKO Precision, entitled "CD Printer 2000"
DM	Two page web site advertisement from SEIKO Precision, entitled "CD Printer 4000"
DN	Partial International Search for International Application No. PCT/US 01/17146, filed May 25, 2001 (with Invitation to Pay Fees)
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